

Yolla Buli
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
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Mr. Charles S. Sloane,
Secretary, U. S. Geographic Board.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Geographic Board held December 4, 1907 the name of the mountains in California commonly spelled Yalla Balla or Yolla Bolly was changed to Yolla Buli, and the terms 'North' and 'South' usually applied to distinguish these mountains were stricken out.

I wish to protest against this ruling of the Board and ask for a reconsideration. In the first place, there are two distinct mountains to which the name is commonly applied--North Yolla Bolly at the point of meeting of Trinity, Shasta and Tehama counties; and South Yolla Bolly at the point of meeting of Trinity, Mendocino and Tehama counties.

I submit herewith letters from 6 postmasters at post offices situated nearest to the mountains in question; also the pronunciation by both eastern and western branches of the Wintoon Indians; and also a recent published statement by John F. Ferry of Chicago. Summarizing these statements, it appears that 3 postmasters pronounce the name Yolla Bolla; one postmaster and Mr. Ferry as Yollo Bolly; 2 postmasters as Yoly Boly; and the Wintoon Indians as Yolla Bully.

Since 6 out of the 9 spellings give the last letter as 'y', I recommend that the Board adopt Yolla Bolly as the authentic spelling.

Respectfully.

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